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1. 4/25/67 Memorandum re: plans to assess Castro's "Because of extreme sensitivity of operation," as a matter of principle no official records were kept of planning, of approvals, or of implementation.

W. Harvey retained skeletal notes of his activities during year in? - these are the best source of date

most info given has come orally

2. everyone deemed knowledgeable interviewed except Dulles and Cabell

"If there are significant inaccuracies in the report, they are more likely to occur in faulty ordering of the sequence of events."

5 separate phases in Agency assess. planning the transition from one to another in following sketchy steps: 1. Establish

(a) assess the situation

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by influencing his behavior & altering his appearance

b) 8/60 - 4) 61: <sup>the plots</sup> increased by some <sup>participants</sup> ~~and~~ mainly in aspect of overall active effort to overthrow Castro regime - culminated in Bay of Pigs

c) 4/61 - late/61: major scheme begun in 8/60 called off after Bay of Pigs - ~~was~~ dormant for several months as was most other operational activity related to Cuba

d) late/61 - late/62: scheme in c) reactivated in ~~late~~ early '62, pushed vigorously in era of Project MONSIEUR and in climate of intense admin. pressure on CIA to do something about CASTRO and his regime

e) late/62 until well into 1963: post-Cuban missile crisis, 10/62 and collapse of Project MONSIEUR,

4 aggressive scheme begun in 8/60, reactivated in 4/62, terminated in early '63.

2 other plots originated in 1963 but

both were abortive. He ordered not

to be carried out

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- 2 points of importance:
- 1) eliminating a leader will not necessarily cause downfall of govt
  - 2) bringing about downfall of govt requires removal of leaders from positions of power always ask the participants will want to assess to Gen'l M. Taylor design for contingency plan

A third point: frequent resort to signed doc is a reference to a particular the whole is to be understood sig. use of phrase disposing of CASTRO which read narrowly & literally means to assassinate him but which is intended to be read in broader, figurative sense of dislodging CASTRO regime

Can also be seen from the side of CIA - a long multi-stage plan to overthrow & kill CASTRO

TOP concluded that no reason to believe

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6) ISK concludes that there is a basis in fact for Pearson's reporting.

a) CIA officer passed arms. weapon to Agency Cuban asset at Paris.

meeting on 11/22/63. The weapon was a ballpoint pen rigged w/ hypodermic syringe. Poison suggested for use was

7. Black Leaf 40.

b) Aug 10, 1962 meeting of SS (augmented) at Dean Rusk's conference room. At

meeting Robert McNamara, liaison subject of liquidation of Cuban leaders. As a result Edward Farnside prepared a

Project HONSOOSK action memorandum

On 7/31/64 - another SS meeting -

discussed clandestine service info report on Cuban exile plot to assassinate

CASTRO. CIA refused the request for

funds and did not involvements in the plot.

c) On 2 occasions, early '61, early '62

CIA supplied poison pills to crime

syndicate members to assassinate

CASTRO. '61 plot aborted. pills received

4/5 of CIA will be furnished to 100% of crime syndicate

by 1/1/65.

Mr. McNamara's plan for the future

is to continue the military disengagement

of Cuba from the future.



7. of oppy area, the three men would attempt to kill Castro (perhaps with pills)

8. Implication of d. Pearson story of Alcott, alternative relationship among various plots is unfounded

9. Miscellaneous schemes prior to 8/60  
March to August '60

3-4 schemes considered well before B. of P.  
Time frame is speculative - goes from 1959-1961

J. D. (Jake) Esletire, head of Cuba task force pre-B. of P. - most reliable witness in gen'l timing <sup>to include</sup> - all schemes under consideration while Esletire had direct respons. for CUBA operation

10. Esletire indicates March 1960 as time when planning and preparation to consideration of island - by end of third quarter of '60, with focus on concentration on "main thrust effort" & thereafter

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### Air Mail Attack on Radio Station

Ray Treckler, TSP. Scheme discussed  
to spray LSD like substances on radio  
cable where CASTRO did broadcasts -  
nothing came of idea - discouraged  
because chemical was not really effective  
Henry Fortner, TSP

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recalls experiment w/ psych. engineering  
and that used to be CASTRO as a target

### Contaminated Cigars

pre B. of Pigs poisoning attempt. Cigars  
by Estelina. Cigars would produce  
temporary personality disorientation.  
Wanted to have CASTRO smoke one before speech  
Might have been prepared by Ray Treckler  
Estelina might have confused the chemical  
agent in that cigars might have been  
intended to make CASTRO's beard fall  
out. Estelina positive cigars were  
not lethal

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Cigars not used because w/H couldn't  
figure out how to safely deliver them  
Estelina died by Castro (TSP, L.P.)

13. 1961 - 1962

14. 1963 - 1964

15. 1965 - 1966

16. 1967 - 1968

17. 1969 - 1970

18. 1971 - 1972



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Depilatory

- 13 R. Menzies recalls scheme to use depilatory to destroy CASTRO's image by making his beard fall out. Idea was to dress it (falling powder (the depilatory) in CASTRO's shoes. Scheme got only so far as procurement of chemical and testing on animals. But scheme fell through because trip outside CUBA by CASTRO at which time powder was to be used fell thru.

14 Gambling Syndicate

2 phase operation

- a) from 8/60 - 4/5/61
- b) from 4/62 - 2/63 (mostly 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30)

Phase I

August 1960

Mr. Bissel asked Sheffield Edwards, Director of Security, if Edwards could establish contact w/ U.S. gambling syndicate active in CUBA - objective was to assassinate CASTRO thru Edwards said there was no order in connection w/ Bissel  
Bissel's report to the President 7/2/61  
Bissel's report to the President 7/2/61

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Edwards contacted Robert Maken.  
Maken had been an SA for FBI.  
Maken had provided in the past  
support to CIA in some of its more  
sensitive operations.

Cikpeye in TOR report who worked for FBI  
Maken, <sup>Robert</sup> Cunningham, William Hawley, James  
O'Connell, Edward Morgan

Maken told Edwards he had contacts  
U.S. crime syndicate. Maken agreed to  
participate only after being pressured by  
Edwards. Maken's contact was John  
Roselli. Edwards and Maken agreed  
Maken would approach Roselli as  
representative of businessmen w/ interest in  
CUBA who needed CASTRO eliminated.

\$150,000 authorized to pay for CASTRO's removal

September 1960 - Case # 1111889  
was James P. O'Connell, Chief, Oper-  
ational Support Division, Office of Security,  
9/19/60 - O'Connell & Maken meet

John Roselli, 11/11/60 - Maken met with  
Roselli regarding the proposed operation to  
eliminate John F. Kennedy and his family.  
Maken told Roselli that he had been  
authorized to pay \$150,000 for the  
removal of the Castro regime.

Roselli declines payment, believed he would  
17 Memo for Record prepared by Supt. Edwards,  
5/18/62: no more was paid to Roselli  
or "Garcia" (Garcia is "Gold")

CIA keeps in office of Supt.  
Only O'Connell was made writing of operation  
at the time. Edwards did not meet Roselli  
until summer of '62.

Roselli informed contact w/ syndicate  
by Edwards during ~~summer of~~ late fall  
of Sept 1960. Only Rosell, Edwards,  
& O'Connell <sup>at CIA</sup> knew of the plan. Edwards  
stated that Helms was not informed  
of the plan because Rosell was handling  
CUBA at the time.

18 Edwards briefed Dulles and Cabell on  
the syndicate plan. Rosell was  
present at briefing. Edwards avoided  
use of "bad words" - descriptive  
term used was "an intelligence opera-  
tion" but Edwards said that Dulles and  
Cabell knew what the nature of the operation  
discussed was.

4-11-1960  
to be Rosell's top of the program in CIA  
The program was approved by Edwards and  
the staff of the CIA.



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19 week of 9/25/60 - O'Connell, Michael  
ago to Miami where Michael intro-  
duced to Sam "Gold" at Fontainebleau  
Hotel - "Gold" said he had a  
man "Joe" (Carlos Trufficante) who  
would be coming to Cuba and make  
arrangements there.

O'Connell never met "Gold" or "Joe".  
O'Connell learned their true identities  
a few weeks later  
from Parade Magazine supplement.

See office of Security Memo to DDCI 6/27/66

At time of Miami meeting Trufficante was  
making regular trips between Miami  
and Havana on syndicate business.

20 "Trufficante was to make the arrange-  
ments (for CASTLE's assets) with me &  
his contacts inside CUBA on my  
trips to Havana."

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Fall and Winter 1960

Back to first contact of Roselli, mentioning  
his business with me.

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21. Truckle recall treating a full box  
of cigars w/ bacterial toxin - recalls person  
died a fatal illness after ingestion
22. Truckle recall req. three powdered cigars  
Hawkins 1967.

Dr. Edward Henn. got the cigars and  
kept them in his safe - destroyed  
them upon a mtg of Shy Edwards and others  
in June 1963

23. Roosevelt, Chief of TSD remembers  
speaking to B Shy Edwards after  
Bessel discussed it w/ Edwards.  
Roosevelt recalls 4 possible approaches;  
a) something highly toxic e.g. shellfish  
poison administered by a pin  
b) bacterial material in liquid form  
c) bacterial treatment of cigars or cigarette  
d) handkerchief treated w/ bacteria  
Russell and Roosevelt both recall that  
discussion was for bacteria in liquid form

Denver - February 1961 41111892

25. Hancock against use of force -  
would have been a suicide mission -  
He prepared a lethal pill. I made  
made for ~~the~~ signature was Juan Onta,  
Officer & Director General of the Office  
of the Prime Minister (CASTRO) - Onta needed  
money

2/6/61 - <sup>recalling</sup> conversation between Gurn and  
Trenchler - Gurn had tested pills on  
Guinea pigs & found them to be ineffective  
The pigs had high resistance to boiling

26. when tested on monkeys the pills worked  
C. Connell eventually reviews the pills.  
He recalls dealing w/ Trenchler but  
Trenchler has no record of delivering  
pills but he doesn't ordinarily keep  
detailed records of such things

27. C. Connell believes there were 6 pills - gave 3g  
then to Roselle - passed sometime  
of the 2/10/61

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Gurn was approached about the  
operation by William Harvey in Feb 61  
Harvey was linked with the operation

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late Feb - March 1961

- 2.7 Roselli passed pills to Trafficante  
Roselli told O'Connell that pills  
delivered to O'Connell in Cuba  
O'Connell kept pills for couple weeks  
and then returned them - syndicate  
2.8 said he got cold feet. By the time O'Connell  
had lost his position in the Prime Minister's  
office  
"It seems likely that, while the  
Agency thought the gangster had  
a man in Cuba with easy access  
to Castro, what they actually had  
was a man disgruntled at  
having lost access"  
2.9 O'Connell suggested replacement who made  
several unsuccessful attempts. Neither  
Edwards nor O'Connell knows who the was

March - April 1961

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Roselli told O'Connell the Trafficante  
knew man in Cuban Exile movement  
who might do the job - Tony Varona  
(Dr. Manuel Antonio de Varona y Lirado)

Varona was in the group  
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3. P.R. man for Varona was Edward K. M... who had adjacent to him Cuban thru his mistress's brother (Celler)

31. Traffickers approached Varona about killing CASTRO. Varona is receptive because its by money for ships, ammo etc

Roselli  
O'Connell  
etc

O'Connell informs Robert Bannerman, Edwards departs of the operation. Since Edwards out of town, Bannerman authorizes passing money (\$25 & 50 thou) to Varona. <sup>sent to DDL 6/24/66</sup> <sup>figure \$810,000 cash</sup>

32. ~~Roselli~~ O'Connell delivers money and pills to Roselli. Roselli gave money and pills to Varona. Little is known of the delivery channels beyond Varona.

April - May 1961 11111895

33. Soon after Bay of Pigs Edwards sends word to Roselli thru O'Connell that the operation is off. O'Connell believes situation was not firm and final and that something was going on between

Wagner & ...  
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O'Connell believed he received the pills and destroyed them.

5/14/62 memo by S. Edwards states that Longmire had knowledge of this question but IOP identifies

13 people who knew in late '60 or in early '61 of <sup>the</sup> operation at assass. Centre

1) Allen Dulles

2) Gen. L. Cabell

3) Richard Bissell

4) Sheffield Edwards

5) James O'Connell

6) J. D. Esterline

7) Cornelius Roosevelt

8) Ray Treichler

9) Edward Gunn

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10) William Hawley

11) Sidney Gottlieb

12) Robert Bannerman

13) J. C. King

4 persons named got known to be writers of the operation and the Agency connection.

5) John F. Bissell

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35 other source has shown knowledge of C.A. connections is speculative

- 1) Juan Otero
- 2) Antonio Viana
- 3) Harmond son-in-law

36 R.F.K. and Lawrence Huston learned full details in May 1962  
was for <sup>unimportant</sup> Drew Pearson ~~and~~ <sup>has</sup> if  
is appropriate the FOR then  
the following might be knowledgeable

- 1) Edward P. Morgan
- 2) Drew Pearson & Jack Anderson
- 3) Earl Warren
- 4) James Rortley
- 5) Pat Coyne
- 6) Atty Gen Ramsey Clark
- 7) Various members of FBI

37 Gambling Syndicate - Phase 2 41111897

Feb 61 Bissel assigned sensitive ~~action~~ operation  
to Harney - referred to as Executive  
Action Capabilities - stands capability  
to carry out assassinations who



Bessell had discussed certain aspects  
with problem of Arnold Silver and Sidney  
Wittlieb - Harvey uses Silver in development  
Execution in practice, but not in respect  
to CASTRO.

Helm was briefed <sup>on Harvey</sup> on general concept  
of E. A. but did not mention the  
the then ongoing plot to assassinate  
Castro.

Exec Action - known as ZRRIFLE

Pringleham - QTWIN - recruited for

<sup>was of</sup> ~~Pringleham~~ - ~~recruited by Silver~~ - recruited by Silver  
was to be run by Justice O'Donnell - (he  
asked to be released - didn't want part of  
it) - Bessell granted the request)

ZRRIFLE - first appears in file in  
5/61 - first recorded approval 2/19/62  
on 2/19/62 - DPP Helms authorized

39 Harvey, by memo, to handle project  
on special basis

QTWIN gets annual salary of 7200

+ 7500 for operational expenses

Cover for ZRRIFLE was <sup>as</sup> FBI/DO operation

11/15/61 - Harvey discusses w/ Bessell

Late 1961 - Early 1962

Harvey Lowmy ~~the~~ following discussion  
w/ Bussell has the category Edwards  
operation

Feb - March 1962

Harvey 1<sup>st</sup> meets w Edwards re CASTRO  
operation in 7-66-1962

Harvey ran Castro operation as an aspect of ZRRIFE - but Harvey personally handled the Castro operation and did not use any of the assets developed in ZRRIFE - Harvey identified Exec. Action Program as synonymous w/ QJ work

Harvey said when he wrote ZRRIFLE/RTWIN  
the reference was to Executive Action  
Capability; when he used the cryptonym  
ZRRIFLE alone, he was referring to  
CASTRO. Harvey said his correspondence  
would disclose the distinction. TFR  
received the correspondence & for  
most part found it in a readable  
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The first of these is the fact that the  
 Government has been unable to secure  
 the necessary funds to carry out its  
 policy of non-interference.

41 April 1962

Edwards w/ Helms approved arrange-  
for Harvey to be put in touch w/  
Roselli. Harvey briefed Helms  
prior to <sup>first</sup> meeting w/ Roselli on its  
purpose & reported to Helms  
results of meeting w/ Roselli.

Harvey, Harvey, stated he regularly  
briefed Helms on status of CASTRO  
operation.

April '62 - Edwards statement that  
the "briefed Helms approval" is  
earliest indication of Helms willing  
on gambling syndicate operation.

and that Helms approved that Harvey  
not brief the Director (McCore) on  
the meeting.

42 Edwards believes that the operation  
was called off completely after Bay of  
Pigs and no further operational activity  
until Harvey met Roselli & reactivated  
the operation in 4/62.

Edwards says Harvey was not  
informed of the operation.



43 O'Connell also believes there was something going on between 9/01 after B Pigo and 4/02 but can't remember particulars

4/8 - 4/9 - Harvey & O'Connell in NYC to meet Roselli

44 Harvey & O'Connell dispute whether Mahan was present at meetings. Bears upon whether Mahan knew the operation continued under Harvey

45 ~~Mahan~~ Harvey, Roselli, O'Connell & maybe Mahan go to Copacabana see Phyllis McGuire there - Roselli attempts to avoid her

Edwards says that when he briefed Harvey on takeover he did not mention Mahan so that he could screen Mahan out of the operation

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46 O'Connell carry over into Phase II for purposes of continuity - appears to be a few weeks - he notes the

47. Harvey arrived in Miami on 9/27/62 -  
finds Roselli in truck w/ Tony Varona.  
Harvey went to TSK. How he took  
over a "gang operation." O'Connell  
concurs.

48. Harvey didn't want Giancanna in  
or reactivation of the operation -  
Harvey believes Roselli joined the  
request. Rafferty no longer involved.  
Roselli knew had man known to

Harvey as Maceo - also used names  
Garcia - Gomez and Godoy

Harvey describes Maceo as "a Cuban  
who spoke Italian"

Roselli remained prominent

in the operation but he worked directly

for Cuban exile and directly on behalf

of CIA

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49. "It would be naive to assume that Roselli  
did not take the precaution of informing  
high-ups in the syndicate that he was

providing information to the CIA.

Harvey

44 After Pull given by Roselli to Varona,  
Varona requested arms and equipment  
for support of his operation. Harney was  
~~not~~ informed of this by Roselli.  
Harney and JMWAVE station chief  
Ted Shackley procured the materials  
at cost of \$10000. was T/Aid to Headquarters.

Harney & Shackley loaded equip into a C-truck  
and parked it in parking lot at a drive-  
in restaurant. Roselli given the car  
keys.

50 Delivery to Marco, Varona, or Varona's  
son-in-law. Harney & Roselli did  
not trust each other yet. Each placed  
a double-cross. ~~The~~ Each pointed  
suicelled the other. C O'Connell was  
w/Roselli, Shackley w/Harney -  
The truck was picked up & returned  
empty, w/keys under the seat as  
prearranged. Harney says Shackley  
never knew to whom delivery was  
made or for what purpose - he really  
didn't know. He says he was  
just following orders.

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May 1962

Harvey and Roselli communicated telephonically by prearranged signal.  
Roselli reported that jell in Cuban restaurant where Castro eats regularly.

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June 1962

June 21 - Roselli reports to Harvey that Varona has dispatched 3 man team into Cuba. Harvey says 3 men have no specific plan for killing Castro. The 3 men would recruit others to kill C. If opportunity presented they or others would kill C, maybe using pills. Harvey never knew their names.

Sept 1962

Harvey and Roselli meet in Miami on 9/7 & 9/11.  
"Medicine" reported in place, 3 man team safe & Varona ready to send another 3 man team to infiltrate Castro's bodyguard.

52 Sept 1962 - Jan '63

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3 man team down & leave - Oct missile crisis develops. Between 12/22 + 1/6/63

Harvey and Roselli meet in Miami. Harvey reports that 3 man team is safe. Harvey & Roselli talk by phone 9/11/62. Roselli reports that 3 man team is safe & Varona is ready to send another 3 man team to infiltrate Castro's bodyguard.



52 Feb 63

Harvey in Miami 2/11-2/14 leaves word  
for Marco that it looks like it all  
over. 2/15 - Harvey leaves Miami for  
L.A. to meet Roselli. At L.A. meeting  
Harvey + Roselli agree to close off the operation.  
but that Roselli would continue to see Yarns,  
gradually reducing frequency until no contact.

53 April - May 1963

Harvey says gets 2 phone calls from Roselli.  
Harvey wants one last meeting w/ Roselli before  
Harvey leaves for Rome. Helms informed of same  
by Harvey. Helms gives approval.

June 1963

Roselli in Wash. mid-June to meet w/ Harvey.  
Sam Papuch calls Harvey while Harvey + Roselli  
are dining out. He asks Harvey if he knows  
his dinner guest identity. Harvey says he does.

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54 Harvey meets Papuch next morning. Explains  
that he is terminating an operational association  
w/ Roselli. Papuch says he must report  
this to J. Edgar Hoover. Harvey asks Papuch  
if he agrees that Hoover might call Melvin  
Rosen. Melvin Rosen should be kept apprised of  
all color, Papuch agrees.

14 Harvey says he then told Helms of the incident & Helms agreed that (there was) no need to brief McConne unless Harvey's call is to be expected.

55 This was Harvey's last face to face meeting w/ Roselli

2nd phase writers persons

Richard Helms

William Harvey

James O'Connell

Sheffield Edwards

Joe Co King

Bruce Cheever

Ted Shackley

Ray Treister

Antonio Varona

Varona's son-in-law

Mares, Roselli's "man"

56, Sam Giancana may have been informed of 2nd phase by Roselli, ditto Santo Trafficante  
O'Connell believes Maken knew,  
possible leaks:

Roselli to Maken

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Maken to Board of Directors of Maken Corp.

Maken to M. M. M.

Maken to Chief Attorney President

Maken to Parker (Chief of Staff)

Maken to M. M. M. (Chief of Staff)

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# The Wiretapping Incident

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Late '61 - Early '62

Garcia's private life <sup>causes</sup> incident that made FBI aware of Agency's relationship w/ syndicate - required briefers of A.C. on details of assassination plot

Phyllis McDune - Garcia's mistress  
Garcia thought she was having affair w/ Dan Rourke - Garcia wanted McDune's Las Vegas hotel room bugged. Mahan, reluctantly, agreed to bug room for Garcia.

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Date of incident is uncertain - could have been 1961 - after Bay of Pigs, maybe early 1962 but before 2/7/62 on which date Director of Security Told FBI that CIA would object to prosecution

Edward R. DuBois handles request for Mahan. DuBois assigns Arthur J. Bulletti & J. W. Harman to do the job

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O'Connell says telephone tap used in room of gambling business, Bulletti & Harman found by the mail & local sheriff called. Bulletti arrested Harman & Bulletti called Mahan & Harman & O'Connell



59 Thus, case reached the FBI, ~~FBI~~ FBI  
wanted to press for prosecution under  
Wiretapping statute. Maken on being

60 approved by FBI referred then to  
Sgt Edwards at CIA. <sup>Edwards says</sup> Maken told  
FBI that the tapes for an operation  
working on for Edwards. FBI memo  
of 3/23/62 indicates that FBI <sup>now</sup> knew  
of ~~the~~ Cuban intelligence information  
operation and believed working  
Person's room done for the purpose -  
but doesn't indicate FBI knew it ~~was~~  
~~that~~ the intelligence operation was  
an assassin plot

March 1962

The memo of 3/23 confirms 2/7  
meeting between Edwards and FBI rep.  
2/7 meeting - Edwards says Maken involved  
in sensitive operation w/ agency - agency  
objects to prosecution

61 3/28 or 3/29 Edwards and <sup>11111968</sup> FBI Liaison  
Sam Paprik meet. Edwards reiterates  
his position re prosecution. Edwards  
made decision re prosecution on 4/4/62  
he had been told by the time, Paprik  
didn't know the facts - Edwards decided  
w/ Paprik what referred to my subject



63 At A.H.'s request memorandum  
record of meeting prepared  
Edwards & Houston both helped write it  
RTK request on 5/11, memo dated 5/14  
2 copies ~~to~~ - original to RTK, other to  
Shirley Edwards - Dir of Sec'y -  
true purpose of operation may be  
inferred from the memo  
McCone, Edwards says was not  
briefed on Carter & Helms

64 "From reports of other briefers, it is  
reasonable to assume that Kennedy  
believed he had such a commitment  
(to be told in advance of CIA involve-  
ment w/ O S gangster elements) from  
Agency representatives  
But at this very time that RTK  
briefed on Phase I, Phase II under Har-  
vey was under way - as far as I know  
Kennedy was never told of Phase II

65 5/14 - Harvey says he briefed Helms  
on meeting. Harvey advised against  
briefing ~~the~~ McCone & Carter & Helms con-  
curred.

66 It appears that RTK was not just

briefing of, but also briefing the  
other directors and staff.

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- 67 FBR characterizes Agency as first unwitting and then reluctant accessory after the fact in the wiretapping flap

August 1963

Chicago Sun-Times article 8/16/63 -

"CIA sought Dominican help for Cuba Agency"

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69 8/20/63 Chicago Sun-Times Article

8/16/63 - DDP Helms memo to McConc forwarding a copy of 5/14/62 memo for record to RFK following 5/7/62 briefing of RFK on phase I operation

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FSR - earliest date 8/16/63 - that have evidence of McConc's awareness of scheme to assassinate Castro using syndicate  
FSR says it is not new knowledge that CIA allied w/ gangsters to collect info - what is new is that rumors connect CIA + gangsters to <sup>assassinate</sup> plot re Castro

May 1966 - Defense Committee

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Maken worked for Marcho against  
Oramas - Maken received support  
in the State Dept request from CIA  
in 1954-1955 period

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Maken has been used over the years in a  
number of sensitive CIA operations.  
CIA didn't want him to testify before  
Long Committee

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Maken may have told his atty - Edward  
P. Morgan the details of the plan to  
assassinate CASTRO using gangster  
CIA has interviewed 3 times <sup>that</sup> Maken ~~was~~ <sup>has seen</sup>  
1 - Marcho  
2 - Maken

Sitings in Early 1963

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5 Ken Dwyer Suit

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Sydney Holtz, Samuel Halperin,  
William Hawley, & Fitzgerald knew  
of it - maybe Mike Miskovsky  
also. Hawley says he mentioned it  
to Henry M. M... appeared in  
the P.P. ... The ...  
it is mentioned to ...  
Hawley doesn't know.

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# Booby-Trapped Sen Shell

Dr. Fitzgerald, Chief SAS

where deemed impracticable

Fitzgerald, Halpern, & Bruce

Cheever knew of it. Halpern believes

he committed TSD in this

Tab A

## Source of Info

file furnished by:

- 1) Dir. of Security
- 2) Dep. Dir. for Support
- 3) Gen'l Counsel
- 4) Asst. Counsel
- 5) Chief of W. H. Division
- 6) Col. F. L. Herz, former chief of W. H. Division

biographic file & intell. parts

furnished by Director of Central Reference

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List of those interviewed re Castro Assass Plot

Diamond Fitzgerald, Samuel Halpern, Bruce

Cheever, F. L. Herz, Alfonso Rodriguez,

J. D. Estabrook, Edward Gunn, Horace

Osborn, James O'Connell, Sidney

Hartford, Clifford Edwards, Robert

Baron, Samuel Halpern, Ray Trueman,

John Warner, Nestor Sanchez, William

Nguyen, Charles Corbett, Robert Barrowman,

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Project Amblash - Rolando Cubela

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3/9/61 - Jack Stewart, My Cy Station  
officer meets Cubela to get his  
views on Cuba. Cubela non-committal  
meeting arranged by AAQWHIP1, Carlos  
Tepedino - Cubela's friend

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Cubela told ranky major in Cuban military -  
the highest rank

Project AMBLASH grew out of initial  
meeting between Stewart and Cubela.  
The March 61 meeting was inconclusive.  
Cubela said that 1st step to overthrow  
regime is to eliminate CASTRO which  
Cubela would do. He requested re-  
peatedly that CIA furnish him equipment  
to do the job.

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Nestor Sanchez was Cubela's case  
officer. "The Agency offered both  
direct and indirect support for Cubela's  
plotting."

3/28/61

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José Ota x Cubela wanted to defect. CIA  
was for the exfiltration but called off  
because of report that Cuban police  
had arrested Ota. Ota's defection  
defused the plan.

Of Cubela's defection, the report in Cuba  
knew to his friends, but they were not  
told.

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8/14/61

Cubela sends message to Trepedino that he wants to talk to a "friend of Stewart's" in Paris if possible. Paris station ok'd to approach Cubela but no indication from file that actually contacted.

6/15/62

JMWAVE station cable station asset (AMCONCERT) told by Susan Echevarria Bianchi that Cubela left for Helsinki on 6/10/62.

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6/27/62

FBI forwards to CIA report of meeting w/ FBI informant on 6/11 in Miami. Informant states Cubela wants to defect. FBI informant was Trepedino. Bureau informed of Stewart's meeting w/ Cubela.

7/8/62

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Trepedino talks to JMWAVE station officer. Trepedino identified the informant as Cubela in the Echevarria report. Trepedino also mentioned that Stewart was in Paris at the time.

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7/13 - 14/62

William Wainwright of H & meets  
Tepedeno in New York. Tepedeno  
will assist Cabel's defection

7/30 - 8/6/62

Tepedeno in Helsinki on 7/30 -  
Cubela meets w/ Wainwright

on 8/1 - first of a series of  
meetings

original objective of defectors  
Cubela changed to recruiting him  
in place

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Wainwright note - Cubela also wanted  
to assassinate Carlos Rodriguez (top-  
ranking CASTRO subordinate) and the  
Soviet Ambassador & also FIDEL,

by operation, if necessary  
Wainwright said CIA could make no  
commitment or plans

Cubela states he would only involve himself  
in a plan of significant action, and which  
was designed to achieve rapidly. Aside -  
said to help Cuba

8/11/62

after meeting of Wainwright & Tepedeno  
in Copenhagen, nothing was  
discussed with Wainwright

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He had told of his Cuban associates  
of his meetings in Habana w/ Tepedino.

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8/10 - 8/11/62

Wainwright, Tepedino, & Cubela in  
Copenhagen for further meetings.  
Wainwright wrote that he used the  
term assassin in talking  
Cubela. Cubela found the term  
objectionable (as reported by Tepedino).  
The fact he did not object to but the  
term.

" It is worth noting here that  
Tepedino, a Cuban jeweler in  
New York, was present at a series  
of meetings at which the assass-  
ination of Castro was discussed  
between ~~Tepedino~~ <sup>Cubela</sup> and Wainwright,  
whom Tepedino knew to be a CIA  
officer."

8/14 - 8/23/62

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Earl Williamson, Spanish speaker,  
CIA officer from Madrid meets  
Cubela, Tepedino, & Wainwright.

Then Williamson goes to 5/11/62  
Cubela - Cubela speaks

Also seen 8/18 + discussion thereon.

Page 1 of 2  
in file 100-100000-100000  
Wainwright  
8/11/62-Cubela



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86 8/29/62 - Cubela leaves Prague for Havana.  
9/5-9/8/63 - Cubela met in Brazil  
by Wainwright, Teperino, & Nestor  
Sanchez - thereafter Cubela's case  
officer

Cubela reluctant to use S/W message  
because he feared efficiency of Cuban  
Postal Censorship

Cubela wanted to approach Ramon Guin  
Diaz (AMTRUNK-10) who was  
hiding Miguel Diaz Osalque (AMICE-14)  
Diaz had recruited Guin <sup>in place</sup> for CIA & had  
done so

Cubela told to assist Guin in his  
intelligence assignments - Cubela  
concerned about Guin's drinking and  
"neurotic condition"

87 9/14/63  
Cubela to Paris for extended vacation -  
to inform Castro afterwards

9/16/63  
Cubela wrote Teperino, Robert T. ...  
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after ...

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10/3/63  
~~10/15/63~~

Sanchez in Paris to see Cubela  
also present were John (Ted) Slant &  
Richard Long. French were keeping  
Cubela under surveillance. CIA informed  
French that Cubela intended to defect from  
10/14/63

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Cubela calls wants to meet senior U.S. official  
preferably RFK for assurance of U.S.  
moral support for his actions in Cuba  
Sanchez felt strongly that contact  
should be made

10/13/63 . . . Sanchez calls re Sanchez, return  
to HQ re AMKASIT

10/17/63

Cubela meets w/ Slant & Repedino  
reiterates his desire for high-level U.S.  
reassurance

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10/29/63

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Dr. Fitzgerald, Chief SIA, arranges  
to meet Cubela in Paris to give him the  
assurances he sought. Fitzgerald,  
according to AMKASIT file represented  
and on part of P.T.K. who

broader than [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
1/10/64 [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] to have  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

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Meeting held on 10/29 <sup>in Paris</sup> at Kerstent's house  
Fitzgerald used alias Jane Clark  
Nesta Sanchez was the interpreter  
Stent not present at the meeting  
Sanchez made memo of meeting on 11/13/63  
"Fitzgerald informed Cubela that the  
United States is prepared to render all  
necessary assistance to any anti-  
Communist Cuban group which  
succeeds in neutralizing the present  
Cuban leadership and assumes  
sufficient control to invite the United  
States to render the assistance it is  
prepared to give. It was emphasized  
that the above support will be  
forthcoming only after a real coup  
has been effected and the group  
involved is in a position to request  
O.S. (probably under OAS auspices) recogni-  
tion and support."

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"Those involved now recall the purpose  
of the meeting as being something quite  
different from that appearing in written  
reports. Fitzgerald recalls that  
Cubela by the repeated gathering of  
the group was being prepared for  
the possibility of a real coup."

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90 Fitzgerald says he told Cubela that U.S.  
govt would have no part of an attempt  
on Castro's life.

Sanchez memo states that Cubela  
wanted to know what technical support  
we could provide him

91 11/14/63 - Wainwright meets Tepedino  
in N.Y.C. Wainwright contact  
report reveal Cubela's reaction  
to meeting w/ Fitzgerald:

Cubela satisfied as far as policy  
concerned but not happy about  
not being given technical assistance  
for the operation. Tepedino said  
that Cubela dwelt constantly  
on this point.

11/19/63 - Sanchez memo for record:

Fitzgerald approved telling  
Cubela he would be given a cache  
inside Cuba - cache could  
include high powered rifle w/ scope.  
C/SAs requested written report on  
AMLAASH operation be kept for a minimum of 3

months. In addition, it was recommended  
that Cubela be told to sacrifice his life  
for the cause. High powered rifle



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92 Gunn, Halpern, & Sanchez settle  
in use of Black Leaf 40, common insecticide  
as poison that Cubela could use to kill  
CHSTRo

93 Plan at auction stage on 11/20 -  
Halpern & Sanchez contact Gunn  
when say ~~needed~~ a ball point pen hypo-  
dermic that Sanchez could take up  
him the following day. Gunn  
then made it up & delivered it  
to Sanchez & returned two proto-  
types - as of 1967 still in Gunn's  
safe - doesn't remember Sanchez  
returning the device to him - he  
believes he was told Cubela would not  
accept the device.

11/22/63

Sanchez in Paris - meets Cubela in the  
afternoon

93a Sanchez shows pen to Cubela & believes  
he accepted it but said he would not  
take it to Cuba. ~~He~~ Cubela not impressed  
w/ the device. Gunn & Sanchez say it  
was not loaded. Cubela was expected to

Sanchez could not get meeting done  
and meeting for 11/23

93a Content report summary: Cubels to return  
to Cuba still determined to initiate  
coup against Castro. Sanchez reiterates  
U.S. support of any successful  
Cubels wished for the check.

94 meeting re - Sanchez & Cubels informed  
that JFK assassinated

"it is likely that at the very moment  
President Kennedy was shot a  
CIA officer was meeting w/ a  
Cuban agent in Paris and giving him  
an assassination device for use  
against CASTRO."

Fitzgerald cables saying every-  
thing is off - no such cable in  
AMKASH file

IGK can identify only 4 people who  
knew of poison plan - Sanchez,  
Halpern, Gunn & Fitzgerald

95 back to Project AMKASH file

12/1/63 - Cubels returns to Cuba

2/19/64 - JMWAVE reports by cable

that 2 separate caches would be

emplaced in support of Project AMKASH

Admco, March

2/19/64 - JMWAVE reports

that caches of transporters and other  
supplies

96 3/7/64 - H.C. cable that high power  
reflexion main item requested by  
AMTASH

3/13/64 S/WAVE can break reflex  
down so must omit from the  
cache

3/17-3/21/64 - 1 Amtrak cache  
Anphacee

4/24/64 - Tepedino briefs to meet  
Carlos Jorge Robreno Marquez  
who has rpt message from Cuba

97 5/3/64 Cuba wants silence for  
for Belgian FAL submersible  
gun boat

5/5/64 TSP make the silence

6/9-6/11/64

2<sup>nd</sup> Amtrak cache put down  
with the FAL automatic rifles  
but silence not included

98 8/14/64 - ~~AMTASH~~ S/W message from  
AMTRAK re recovery of caches

8/30/64 Manuel Antine ~~AMTASH~~ associate  
goes to France on 10/17/64 to  
meet with dissident members of

AMTASH

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11/12/64

Cubela in Prague for meetings

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11/13/64

- Artimo reports that will talk to Amelak if he is contact man for dissidents. Artimo thinks if Amelak is the chief dissident we can forget about the operation

11/25/64

Cubela in Paris

12/4/64

- Sanchez request money \$4500

~~to~~ for Artimo for travel to meet w/ dissidents.

Artimo did travel to Europe

and meet the dissidents

12/6 - 12/7/64

Sanchez & Cubela meet in Paris

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Cubela wants to continue w/ his plans

Told that U.S. would not get involved in his plan. Cubela said if he needed help he would look elsewhere

12/16/64

- Sanchez memo indicates

that Agency wanted to put Artimo

& Cubela together w/out their

knowing it had been engineered

by CIA. But CIA didn't intend to furnish

Artimo arms weapon to give Cubela

12/17/64

go to Cuba with plans. Also

110,000 to Paris

problem used to recruit people



101 12/27/64 Artimo & Cubela meet in Madrid  
for first time

102 12/30/64 - Cubela & Artimo meet  
again in Madrid  
Artimo reports meeting to  
Sanchez in Fla. on 1/3/65  
Cubela told Artimo he had not  
been provided silencer - If  
Artimo could get Cubela silencer  
he would take it back to Cuba  
If only could get another silenced  
rifle, Artimo would take it  
in Cuba for Cubela

1/28/65 Sanchez <sup>in Fla. to meet</sup> ~~Cubela~~ <sup>reporter</sup>  
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2/2/65 - Sanchez meets Cubela &  
Repedone - Cubela says  
reached agreement w/ Artimo  
Artimo to provide package in Mexico  
Cubela to take back to in personal  
luggage

103 2/11/65 - <sup>41111926</sup>  
2/12/65 - Artimo reports for first time to  
Sanchez in Fla. that he had  
been provided silencer. Cubela had  
been in Madrid. Cubela had been

3/4/65 -

113 3/15/65 - Madrid cable that  
Rafael Garcia-Burga Dubois in Madrid  
from Cuba - stated to British officer  
claimed to be in contact w/ dissident  
Cuban military leaders - he was referred  
to Cubela - Garcia-Burga <sup>earlier</sup> had  
defended Santos Trufficante who was kicked  
out of Cuba.

- none link between Cubela & the  
gambling syndicate plot

6/65 - HQ decides to term all contacts  
w/ key members of Cubela group

" It had become increasingly apparent  
that the circle of Cubans who knew  
of Cubela's plans and of CIA's  
association w/ them was ever widen-  
ing.

165 Last straw - June '65 -

Victor Espinosa Hernandez Tell  
story to CIA about contact w/  
Cubela friend in Paris who  
relayed Cubela message for  
CIA that in a position to kill  
Castro.

After this, the CIA decided  
to discontinue all contact  
w/ anyone who had been in  
contact w/ Cubela or who  
was in a position to relay  
messages to him.

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106 CIA file don't indicate what kind of 'help' Cubela wanted from the CIA

6/23/65 HQ cable to station concerned re termination of contact w/members of the Cubela group

107 Reader's report Cuban security police arrested Cubela & Guin who conspired w/ CIA

3/7/65 - Cubela & Guin on trial

3/8/65 escape from trial

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109 Castro sends letter to court suggesting

2/10/66 ~~transmission~~ death sentences for the accused

110 Cubela & Guin get 25 years

Q - Where is the dilemma

Cubela. I threw the dilemma away because it was burning my hands

Discussion of Assoc. at High-level got meetings

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111 None of ~~Cubela's~~ Cubela's dealings w/ CIA

from 2/61 - 4/64 mentioned in the trial

notes on the trial of Cubela & Guin

Cuba, B. Guin, w/ Capt. Longman

attorney. That was a handwritten note

from the [unclear]

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"Phase Two is associated ~~with~~ Harvey's  
work w/ the Executive Action Op-  
erability, which reportedly was  
developed in response to White  
House urging."

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"When Robert Kennedy was briefed  
on Phase One in May 1962, he  
strongly admonished Houston and Ed-  
wards to check w/ the Attorney  
General in advance of any future  
intended use of U.S. criminal  
elements. This was not done w/ respect  
to Phase Two, which was already  
well under way at the time Kennedy  
was briefed."

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McCon took immediate exception  
to the discussion & after meeting told  
McNara & - & McNara agreed  
McCon says SCLN, never gave suggestion  
serious consideration

117 The Cone said that Term such as  
"Knock off Castro" & "dispose of Castro"  
were used but always understood  
it to mean overthrow the Communist  
govt in Cuba

8/13 / memo from Farnside to Hawley,  
Robert Hunsicker at State, Genl Harris at  
Defense & Don Wilson at DIA

imens assigned resp. for drafting  
paper on various subjects relate to  
Cuban operation

• Hawley's assignment had one portion deleted

Howey sent memo to DDP Hq on 8/14 saying  
"Wichers portion said" including elimina-  
tion of leaders. Howey had, protested  
use of phrase to Linsdale's Assistant  
7 rank Hand & Howey said should be taken  
from all copies

"Harvey told us that ~~H~~<sup>H</sup>~~and~~<sup>in 1931</sup> ~~Hendall~~<sup>re-</sup>  
peatedly tried to raise the matter of  
assassinating Castro w/ Harvey over  
the next several weeks". Harvey said  
he always avoided such discussions.

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7/36/64

303 committee meeting - Peter Jessing was secretary

reference in minutes to 6/10/64 memo info report from DDP to Director - Also to the "elite" including Special Agent to Pres. for Nat. Sec'y Affairs A. J., report related proposal for Castro assass. made to prominent Cuban exile, Mafu appeared to be involved - also Jose Male "Pepin" Bosch, Pres. of Bacardi Rum Int'l. Record shows CIA only involvement in plot was the report info on its existence

117 only other evid. of the discussion is a 8/19/64 memo from DDI (McCone) to Beards, reporting results of FBI interview of alleged participants

118 The Drew Pearson Story

119 The Possible Complications of the Gambler's Syndicate Operation

O'Connell wrote report submitted directly to DDP/10/64

120 Markin did brief his atty, Edward P. Morgan on Markin's participation in Phase I:

1) Markin didn't know of Phase II - never heard of it from Roselli

2) Markin ~~was~~ suspects Roselli & Morgan in a partnership

Markin also mentioned to the press that he had been in contact with Roselli & Morgan in connection with the plot to assassinate Castro



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"In learning of the Roselli-Morgan link, we are relieved of the need for speculation as to how the story had gotten out. It is quite likely that Roselli is the source, Morgan the channel, and Anderson and Pearson the recipients," reason for leaking?

"Roselli is drinking too much and talking and that Morgan is also drinking and talking to a newspaperman friend."

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The Philippine National Bureau Investigator - Puerto Rican in custody who claim he participated in Castro-inspired assass. plot in Dallas. He also claim Castro made 7/6 2 speech threatening to assass. Kennedy in retaliation for 2 Kennedy attempts on Castro's life. "We have found no record nor recollection of Castro having made such a speech."

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The Puerto Ricans probably going to be deported to U.S. -

"We may expect the FBI to take the Puerto Ricans into custody. (We have no record of any such action.)"

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